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Subject: Question about federal police and GSD

Hi Pam, wanted to run something by you.

We have a building on Vine Street that has as its tenant the Social Security Administration.

It has become a bit of a neighborhood nuisance – on the front landing at night, there are people who congregate. On the weekends, folks hold swap meets on the landing. The back parking lot is unsecured and on the weekends, we can have encampments crop up. It has become a borderline nuisance for the community because it is a magnet for transient people in the off hours and weekends.

We had a meeting with the staff at the SSA office three weeks ago. In attendance was a rep from the General Services Dept, the federal police, LAPD, the property owner and BID. Essentially (and it was almost comical) we heard every reason why the SSA staff could not get any help from GSD to fence and gate the back lot (no budget to do this). And, the federal police only work M-F, from 9 to 5, so if something is happening on that property nights and weekends, its not their problem.

It was a little like the twilight zone, because they offered no solutions – and just expect the BID and LAPD to deal with the “unintended consequences” of an unsecured parking lot and inviting front landing for people to congregate.

In law enforcement, I've heard many references to the concept of “hardening the target” to make a building or area less susceptible to crime problems. There was zero willingness on the part of the federal reps to do anything along these lines.

We are going to assemble a log of all the times we've been called to respond to that building – to show it is a magnet for problems even during the day time – but it struck me that it might be fruitful to have a conversation with you because of your connections to these federal agencies.

Any ideas?

With appreciation,
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